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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, before the Field of the Invention, on line 3, please insert --This is the National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/AU99/01156, filed December 23, 1999, which claims priority of Australian Provisional Patent Applications PP 7916/98, filed December 23, 1998 and PQ 0425/99, filed May 18, 1999.

On page 77, line 1, please cancel the word "CLAIMS" and substitute in its place --  
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claim 30.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An assay device comprising an array of non-nucleic acid molecules wherein each molecule in the array, with the exception of a negative control, is capable of